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MEDIA ADVISORY

PSC MODIFIES HEARING SCHEDULE

Jefferson City (December 22, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has modified the hearing schedule in a PSC Staff complaint case against BPS Telephone Company.

Hearings, originally scheduled for March 3, 4, and 7, 2005, are now scheduled for **March 22, 2005 through March 24, 2005**. These hearings will be held in the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City.

On December 17, 2004, BPS Telephone Company filed a motion seeking to change the March 3, 4, and 7, 2005 hearing dates citing a conflict. BPS Telephone indicated to the Commission that parties in the case did not object to the proposed hearing schedule change.

Based upon an audit of the books and records of BPS Telephone Company, the PSC Staff is seeking to reduce the annual telephone revenues of the company by approximately \$932,000. Staff is seeking to reduce the switched access rates charged by BPS Telephone Company to long-distance carriers. Switched access rates refer to rates BPS Telephone Company charges long-distance carriers for accessing the BPS Telephone system to carry a long-distance call.

The BPS Telephone Company serves approximately 3,800 subscribers in three exchanges in southeast Missouri.

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Case No. TC-2002-1076